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EXCOMMunication - October, 2007

By: Maria Sawczuk, Local Secretary

Another year, another Mensa Testing Day! On Saturday, October 20, Delaware Mensa will be participating in the national campaign to test potential members. We will have a testing site at Grace Church in downtown Wilmington. Think your friends and/or family members are Mensa material? Help them discover Mensa and join for less! In your September bulletin, there were two \$5 coupons for a discount on the Mensa Admission Test on Mensa Testing Day. Give these to your friends and family- anyone you think should join Mensa! Only one discount is allowed per candidate. If you need more coupons, please let me know.

Do you have an idea for a speaker – topic or person? Or have you happened upon a neat museum, store or other Delaware gem and want to share it with others? Please let me, or any other member of the ExComm know, as we plan the upcoming months' activities.

Are you a new member interested in getting involved? Or maybe you've been around for years and now want to come out and make more of your membership. We have

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current openings for a Downstate Coordinator, Test Proctors, and Publicity Coordinator. None of these jobs will take gobs of your time, and it's a great way to become active and meet lots of members. Think about it, and if you want more information on what each job entails, please give me a call.

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Coming Events

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2007 - KALMAR NYCKEL

The original *Kalmar Nyckel* was one of America's pioneering colonial ships. Its historical significance rivals that of the Mayflower, yet her remarkable story has never been widely told. Barbara Mayers, the Education Director of the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, will teach us the history of this graceful ship, and its present-day replica, which serves as Delaware's seagoing goodwill ambassador.

DATE: Monday, October 15, 2007

TIME: 7:00 p.m. for dinner; speaker will start around 8:00 pm

PLACE: International Grill Buffet, Kirkwood Hwy, Elsmere (next to Value City)

To RSVP, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2007— NATIONAL TESTING DAY

This is the day that Mensa annually widely publicizes the organization and challenges the world to find out if they are Mensa material (although we conduct testing year-

round.) Less than one percent of eligible people are members, so we have some work to do to make the organization what it could be.

Delaware Mensa will conduct the admission test at Grace Church in Wilmington. Bring your friends, bring your coupons (see the October Bulletin), just RSVP to Fran (302-994-6347) or Maria (302-893-5118), to make sure there are enough chairs and test booklets.

DATE: Saturday, October 20, 2007

TIME: call for the time

PLACE: Grace Church, downtown Wilmington

I have come to believe that the whole world is an enigma, a harmless enigma that is made terrible by our own mad attempt to interpret it as though it had an underlying truth.

Umberto Eco

Good Wine Cheap (and good food to go with it)

By John Grover

This month's column is devoted to the wisdom of sloth. Or in this case, the fact that I never properly pruned our dwarf pear tree, there was some delightfully ripe fruit not harvested by the deer. The resulting recipe is one of our all time favorites.

The wine this month is a Viognier from Australia. This is a grape that I occasionally buy, mostly out of faith, but with a bit of trepidation. Experience has shown that my tight fistedness has rarely led me to a good and inexpensive Viognier. (I really am cheap; just ask the Boss.) A bad Viognier can take what should be a complex and aromatic wine into the realm of tasting like medicine or cheap perfume.

I was pleasantly surprised by the 2006 Viogner sold under the Oxford Landing label. Oxford Landing is a lower price point line of wines produced by the Yalumba Wine Company of South Australia. When I bought this bottle, I did not expect much. But, this white wine knocked my socks off. It has a distinctive floral nose. This is followed by the taste of fresh peach and apricot. The smooth fruit flavor makes you expect sweetness. But, its nicely balanced acidity tames this aspect. This is a very good wine for an aperitif or with the first course listed below. This wine is broadly marketed for \$7 to \$8 a bottle.

Pear, Walnut and Blue Cheese Salad – makes six first course servings

Dressing: 3 tbsp fresh lemon juice; 1 tbsp Dijon mustard; 1 medium shallot, minced; 1½ tsp chopped fresh thyme; ½ cup extra virgin olive oil; salt and pepper to taste

Salad Fixings: 5-6 ounces of baby or mesclun greens; 2 large rip pears, halved, cored and thinly sliced; 1 cup crumbled blue cheese; 1 cup walnuts, toasted and coarsely chopped.

Whisk the first four ingredients of the dressing in a small bowl to blend. Gradually whisk in olive oil. Season to taste with salt and fresh ground pepper.

Toss greens in a large bowl with enough dressing to coat. Divide greens among 6 plates. Top with pear slices. Sprinkle with cheese and walnuts. Drizzle lightly with remaining dressing and serve. The result is absolute heaven.

I hope that you will contact me with your comments, suggestions and favorite wines at jgrover@berk.com. I will be happy to share them with the broader Mensa group.

John Grover is a member of Mensa of Northeastern New York. He lives with his wife Sharon in the Hudson Valley of New York.

Celebration

As of August 31 we had 162 members

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans with a birthday this month:

Name Birthday

Beverly Williams 10/6
Christiane Winslow 10/6
Leah Kinder 10/8
Curtis Smith 10/10
Andrew Trachten 10/11
Steven Michel 10/12
Richard Dillard 10/16
Franklin Ward 10/16
Michael McQuade 10/21
Arnold Caine 10/24
Jason Nomura 10/25
Jack Varsalona 10/29
Brian Miller 10/30

And those who don't wish to have their birthdays published

Congratulations, and a Happy Mensaversary to these members who celebrate their Mensa anniversary this month:

Name Member since:

William Bialk 1970
Francis Gribbin 1976
William Mace 1980
Patricia Lehman 1982 (25 years!)
Franklin Ward 1984
Beverly Williams 1984
Jean Armstrong 1989
Holly Hillson 1992 (15 years!)
Christopher Shelley 2002 (5 years!)
Andrew Trachten 2003
Geoffrey Weyer 2004
Scott Judd 2005

and, a warm Delaware welcome to Ankush Bansal who moved to Newark from Fairfax Station, VA

EVERY MONTH EVENTS!

Join Delaware Mensa this fall at one of our many fun events. Time to pull out those calendars!

FIRST WEDNESDAY Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night

THIRD WEDNESDAY Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night

Join Delaware Mensa from 6 to 8 pm, on the First (Dover) and Third (Bear) Wednesdays of each month for some after-work cocktails and a little friendly competition as we play another round of NTN Trivia. You've probably seen NTN Trivia at a favorite bar or restaurant. It's a nationwide trivia network, with rounds of games played 24 hours a day. If you've never played before, it's highly addictive! Come out and see what it's all about, and challenge your fellow Mensans.

PLACE: Buffalo Wild Wings, 680 South Bay Road (Route 113), **Dover** (across from former Blue Hen Mall) To RSVP, e-mail Leah at bluepointjive@gmail.com.

PLACE: Buffalo Wild Wings, Sunset Station Shopping Center, Route 40, **Bear**. To RSVP, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.

SECOND MONDAY Downtown Lunch Bunch

The Downtown Lunch Bunch meets at 11:30 in the basement Cafeteria of the Hotel DuPont for lunch and stimulating conversation. **(Second Monday of each month)**
Info: Fran Joseph at 302-994-6347

LAST SATURDAY Philosophy and Discussion Group

Here's a new recurring event for Delaware Mensa. John Slomski and Dr. Deb Gleason host a monthly Philosophy & Discussion Group at their home in Boothwyn, PA, which is a stone's throw from the Delaware State line. Join us, and Delaware Valley Mensa (DVM) on the last Saturday of each month, at 8 pm, for good conversation. Bring your most nagging philosophical questions, and maybe munchies.

PLACE: John and Deb's home in Boothwyn. To RSVP and get directions, contact John or Deb at doctordeb@copper.net, or call 610-485-2745.

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Wed, Oct 3	6 to 8 pm, Downstate Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 680 South Bay Rd, Dover. It worked so well we're holding it twice a month. First Wednesday of each month we'll be in Dover. To RSVP, e-mail Leah at bluepointjive@gmail.com.
Mon, Oct 8	11:30—? Downtown Lunch Bunch meet in the basement Cafeteria of the Hotel DuPont for lunch and stimulating conversation. (Second Monday) Info: Dee Richardson at 302-892-2299
Mon, Oct 15	7 to 9 pm, Kalmar Nyckel meeting. International Grill Buffet, Kirkwood Hwy, Elsmere (next to Value City). To RSVP, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Wed, Oct 17	6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at Buffalo Wild Wings, Bear.
Sat, Oct 20	9 to 11 am, National Testing Day, Grace Church, Wilmington DE. RSVP to Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118, or Fran at 302-994-6347
Sat, Oct 27	8 pm, Philosophy and Discussion Group at John and Deb's house.
Wed, Nov 7	6 to 8 pm, Downstate Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 680 South Bay Rd, Dover. It worked so well we're holding it twice a month. First Wednesday of each month we'll be in Dover. To RSVP, e-mail Leah at bluepointjive@gmail.com.
Mon, Nov 12	11:30—? Downtown Lunch Bunch meet in the basement Cafeteria of the Hotel DuPont for lunch and stimulating conversation. (Second Monday) Info: Dee Richardson at 302-892-2299
Wed, Nov 21	6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at Buffalo Wild Wings, Sunset Station Shopping Center, Route 40, Bear. Third Wednesday of each month. For info or to RSVP, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Sat, Nov 24	8 pm, Philosophy and Discussion Group at John and Deb's house. Last Saturday of each month. For info and directions, John or Deb at doctordeb@copper.net, or 610-485-2745.

Your event here!! DM

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8 Lunch Bunch	9	10 New Moon	11	12	13
14	15 Kalmar Nyckel Mtg	16	17 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	18	19	20 Natl Testing Day
21	22	23	24	25	26 Full Moon DelaMensa Deadline	27 Philosophy Discussion
28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN			